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The children of Hawaii are our most valuable resource and our best hope for the future. Our public education system is broken and we need to fix it.

Every society throughout history faces moments in time, when great issues are decided and the future course is set. As a society, we have now lost our once great dominance in public education to other countries, which in turn threatens our own economic security. Destiny by the hand of our own failures has brought us to this moment.

I challenge you the citizens of Hawaii to consider this moment, which will determine our future, our destiny, and the very continuance of our way of life.

We must commit ourselves to achieving the goal of providing each and every keiki a high quality public education. If we do not, the consequences of our failures will resonate throughout our Islands and nation for generations to come.

I promise to not accept the failure of the education system as final. I promise only that I will not accept it. We are all not born with equal talents but all of our keiki should have the equal opportunity to develop their talents in order to secure the future of this great nation.

Our challenge should be that we should not seek a DOE answer, a Republican answer or a Democratic answer, but the right answer.

I welcome this challenge.